

REMARKS

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his examination of the present application and for allowing claims 1-27. Claims 1-52 are currently pending.

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Claims 28-52 have been rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The office action states that the specification at page 12 indicates that a computer program product can be a signal. Applicants disagree with this statement. Applicants note that the specification at page 12 discusses computer programs and not computer program products. Page 12 of the specification states that that a computer program can be fixed in any form including a tangible storage medium or in a signal. Applicants have amended independent claims 28, 39, 47, 48, 49, and 50 so that each claim is directed to a computer program product that comprises a tangible computer readable medium having computer code thereon. Thus, the computer program product and the computer readable medium are both tangible. The office action suggests that the term tangible has multiple meanings. Although dictionaries provide multiple meanings for most words, MPEP 2106 suggests that the term “tangible” means the opposite of abstract. Thus, the Applicants believe that the term tangible implies something that is physical. Claims 29-38, 40-46, and 51-52 each depend from one of the aforementioned independent claims. Thus, with these changes we believe that this rejection is overcome.

It is believed that all of the rejections have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

If any matter arises which may expedite issuance of a notice of allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned, at the telephone number given below.

It is believed that no extension of time is required for consideration of this application. Please charge deposit account number 19-4972 for the extension fee. If any

additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

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